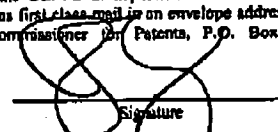


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Applicant: **Elnozahy et al.** § Group Art Unit: **2142**
Serial No.: **10/915435** § Examiner: **Harrell**
Filed: **July 26, 2001** § Attorney Docket: **RPS9 2001 0134 US1**
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED NOVEMBER 23, 2004

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

In response to the office action dated November 23, 2004 (the "Office Action"), please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

A petition extending the period for response is submitted herewith.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for taking the time to discuss this the Office Action and this response with the undersigned representative.